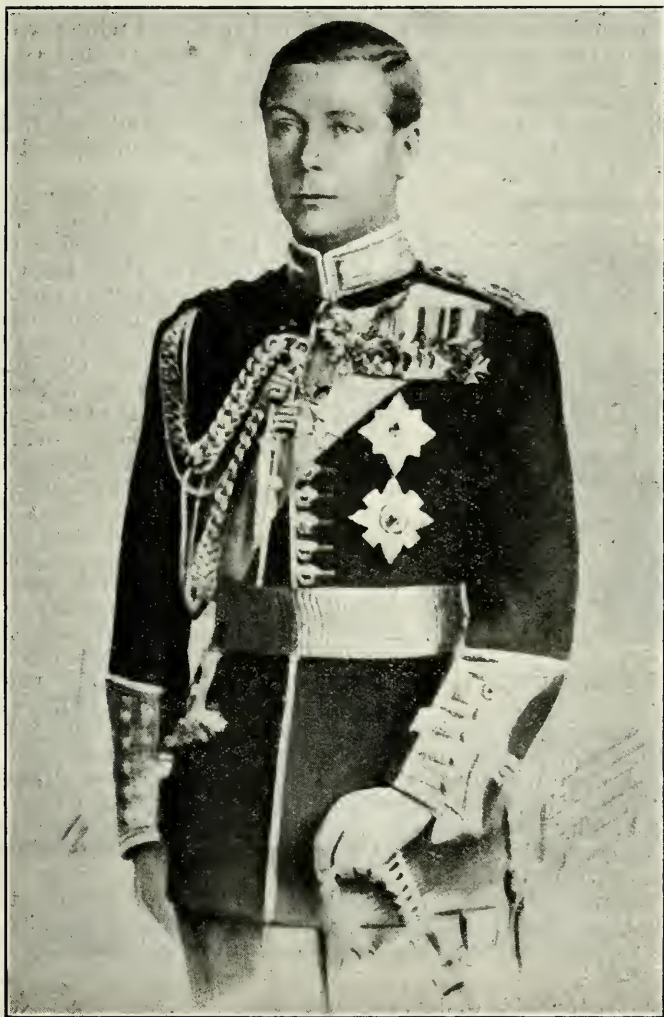


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His Majesty, King Edward VIII.



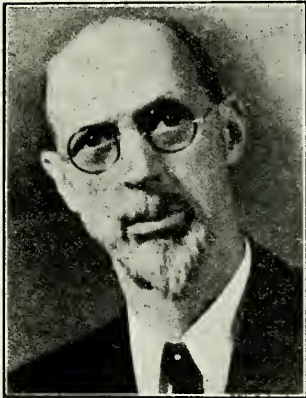
“ . . . Long May He Reign . . . ”

IN RETURN FOR THESE GIFTS AND BLESSINGS

By ELDER GEORGE ALBERT SMITH
OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE APOSTLES

WHEN we realize that those professing Christianity are often arrayed against their fellows selfishly and unkindly I am not surprised that there are many in the world who are unable to accept the various interpretations of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When we see the manner in which many men and women who claim to be Christians are deporting themselves it has a tendency to destroy the faith of those who do not differentiate between the effect of living and just pretending to live the Gospel of our Lord.

I am assuming that I am addressing men and women who believe that there is a God. We believe that He is the author of our being. We believe that He created this earth and placed our parents upon it. We believe that He sent His only begotten Son into the world to establish the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that He gave to us the Holy Bible, known to us as the Old and New Testaments. We believe that He gave to us the Book of Mormon, the history of the ancestors of the American Indian. We believe that He revealed Himself to the prophets of old and to the Prophet in our day who organized this Church under the direction of the Redeemer of mankind. We believe that the Church has been guided by those whom the Lord has sustained as His prophets since then. I say, we believe that,



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but are we demonstrating to the world that we believe it? Are we willing that this Church should be judged by our personal conduct? Are we willing to stand in the presence of our Maker and say: "With the knowledge that thou gavest me, I have been worthy of Thy truth," or are some of us in the position that we would be compelled to say: "Because of our selfishness and our sinfulness we have failed?"

Ten commandments were given to ancient Israel. Do we believe that they were given by our Heavenly Father? If we do, then we know that they are binding upon latter-day Israel. Let us read:

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work:

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

This very day upon which we meet to worship, viz., the Sabbath, has become the play-day of the world—the day set apart by thousands to violate the commandment that God gave long, long ago, and I am persuaded that much of the sorrow and distress that is afflicting and will continue to afflict mankind is traceable

Practical Advice

HERE is another bit of sound, practical advice from Elder George Albert Smith of the Council of Twelve Apostles.

Elder Smith's life itself is an excellent example of how living the simple principles of the Gospel will win the respect and confidence of one's fellow men. In 1913 he was elected vice-president of the International Irrigation Congress held at Calgary, Canada, and in 1915 was elected president of the Congress in El Paso, Texas. He was elected president of the International Dry Farm Congress in 1917 and in 1918 president of the Combined Irrigation and Farm Congress. In 1898 President William McKinley of the United States named him Public Money and Disbursing Agent for Utah and he was later reappointed by President Theodore Roosevelt. He is now a member of the National Council of Boy Scouts of America. Elder Smith has known personally six presidents of the United States, and many Senators, Congressmen and governors are counted among his personal friends.

to the fact that they have ignored His admonition to keep the Sabbath day holy. I want to say to the men of the Church that it is your duty and mine, not in an indifferent way, but in the majesty of the Priesthood of the living God, to set our own houses in order, to teach our sons and daughters, to exercise our influence in the communities in which we live as fully as we have ever done, and if we have failed in any particular, that we increase in our desire to bless mankind.

The Lord said further:

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Are we honouring our fathers and our mothers? Is the Christian world honouring father and mother?

Thou shalt not kill.

The roar of the artillery of a supposedly Christian nation may be heard in Ethiopia while we worship. Human beings are violating that commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

This world is suffering from the very fact that they ignore that loving, kind advice, and there is sorrow and disaster abroad in the world because men and women refuse to observe the moral law and earn the blessings that result from obedience to the same.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Are we guiltless or are we among those, who, when we stand in the presence of the great Judge will be humiliated when we realize that because of our avarice and deceitfulness

we have wronged these children of His of whom He has said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25: 40.)

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King George V.



Queen Mary

THE CORONATION OF KING GEORGE V.

By Ramona W. Cannon.

MY memory of the coronation of King George V. begins with the previous night. At the *Haymarket* theatre I attended a performance of *Henry VIII.*, with Sir Beerbohm Tree as Cardinal Wolsey and Miss Van Brugh as Anne Boleyn. By special arrangement a feature extraordinary had been added to the programme for this one evening. The coronation scene which was to take place in Westminster Abbey the following morning was duplicated that evening in our presence, in the persons of Henry and Anne, with the truly magnificent Sir Beerbohm officiating as the still favoured cardinal. The long trailing ermine robes were actual Coronation vestments, loaned, like the other articles, for the occasion. Our programmes stated that even the spoon for the oil with which the heads of their Majesties would be anointed the following morning, was used in the ceremonial which we were privileged to see. It was perhaps a little like reading the end of a book at the beginning, but how much better so, than having no end to read! Since we were not even of England, much less of the chosen group who might be squeezed into the Abbey in the morning it was a matter of great interest to see just how the solemn occasion would progress. That evening's performance was so lavish as a pageant and so superb in acting and production that it has remained one of the most vivid memories of my life.

Recollections

It was a picturesque as well as an historic event June 11, 1911, when the Coronation of King George V. took place in London. Among those who witnessed the ceremonies was Sister Ramona W. Cannon, who today is British mission Relief Society president. At the time she was visiting in London on her way to her home in Salt Lake City. Sister Cannon, who holds an M.A. degree, had been studying literature at University of Berlin. She has written here some of her recollections of that memorable occasion.

At the time of the Coronation Elder Hugh Ireland wrote in the *Millennial Star* (June 29, 1911): "King George and Queen Mary have won the hearts of their people, who fervently pray that their reign may be a long and happy one. We heartily join in the prayer. . . ." That prayer was answered.

After the theatre, we found people already lining up for the morning's procession, some sitting on the curb-

ings or bases of monuments, some standing. No wonder that by morning the First Aid units were busy with fainting human beings!

I heeded the warning to be up betimes in order to get through the crowds to my seat.

In the press of that throng, there were moments when I was robbed completely of my free agency. Arms pinned at my sides, I swayed, rocked and moved as the aggregate mass swayed, rocked and moved. Then a "bobby" rescued me and led me into one of the many narrow lanes kept open for those who had seats.

What a beautiful job they did, those bobbies! Never have I seen humanity jammed together in such incredible masses! And yet there was no sense of panic, no rudeness, no disorder! It was the outward expression of a nation in which respect for law and the sense of things being well ordered, are intrinsic.

The procession itself was probably the most magnificent pageant ever presented. The gay heralds—the height and scarlet uniforms of the famous Coldstream Guards—the gilded and brightly hued coaches! The wealth of empires—jewelled tiaras on lovely ladies—jewelled turbans of the rarest silks on dark skinned princes—jewelled bridles and saddles of horses—the memory of whose rhythmic grace and beauty has never left me. Miles of such splendour!

King George and Queen Mary the center of it all! How regal they looked in their coach drawn by its high stepping horses! The people shouted with enthusiasm and loyalty as they passed, "Long live the King! Long live the King!" And in millions of loving hearts throughout the vast Empire, the cry reverberated, "Long live our beloved King, George V.!"

M. I. A. BUILDING FUND CONTEST RENEWED

A NEW 1936-37 Mission M. I. A. Building Fund Contest, with the same terms, conditions and prizes as the contest for the past year (*Star*, January 23), is announced through the columns of the *Millennial Star* by Dr. Ray M. Russell, Mission Y. M. M. I. A. superintendent. The contest finishes January 15, 1937, and prizes will be: first place, £10; second place, £5 and third place, £2-10-0.

It is hoped that the number of branches in the Mission with building funds will be increased to thirty during 1936. During the last year the number jumped from 15 to 21.

With this announcement also comes the news that Dublin branch of Irish district, winner of the Building Fund Contest for the past two years, wishes to contribute its 1935-36 prize money to the runner-up. A letter reads, in part:

January 20, 1936

Dear Dr. Russell:

The entire Dublin branch finds much pleasure . . . in the distribution of first prize (£10) to those who were runner-up in the Building Fund Contest for 1935.

*Very sincerely yours,
Benjamin R. Birchall
District President*

As a result of Dublin's gracious gesture, prizes will be distributed as follows: Sheffield branch, £10; Hyde branch, £5, and Southwest London branch, £2-10-0.

PROGRESS IN THE PRIMARY

By Elizabeth Cornwall

“A SINGLE, please. Thank you. And from what platform does the next train leave?”

That call was given approximately thirty times in nearly as many British railway stations during the past three months. It has been a long journey—more than 1,600 miles to be exact. It has extended as far north as Edinburgh, Scotland's beautiful capital which is famous for its gardens and historic castle; as far west as across the Irish sea and into Belfast, home of the world-famous Albert Memorial.

It has diverted into many interesting little hamlets, such as quaint old York, where the houses are clustered around the grey mediæval cathedral, Yorkminster, and the town is enclosed by a Roman wall.

The travelling has been enjoyable, streaking along in the train through Britain's green fields, marked off as they are with low rock walls aged with moss, or with hedges, giving the country-side the appearance of a great jig-saw puzzle.

But wherever the journey has gone, one thing has been found at almost each stopping place. It was a Primary organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Twenty-seven branches, in nearly all of which Primaries were located, have been visited and Primary classes in 13 branches have been attended. In each children between the ages of four and 12 years were meeting—sometimes in halls, sometimes in the home of the Primary Mother or sometimes in a new Latter-day Saint chapel. Wherever the journey went, the first week found the children listening to Bible stories. The second week found them occupied with busy work. For example, in Portsmouth, Sister Rose G. Stevens was showing the children how to make a cutout Father Christmas. Children in Pres-

Impressions

SISTER ELIZABETH CORNWALL, British mission Primary supervisor, recently completed a tour of the Mission, studying, helping and encouraging the different branch units of that auxiliary. She has written some of her impressions and observations in this article.

The purpose of the Primary Association of the Church was explained by Aurelia Spencer Rogers (*Star* cover, Aug. 22, 1935), Pioneer mother of 12 children who was the organization's first president (1878-80): “The aim of our Primary meetings is to assist the parents in training their children, that they might be better helps in the home and try to make it happy; improve their manners, and in everything that is good. They are also to be taught the Gospel of our Church.”

ton were busy pasting decorations on stationery sets. Paper flowers were being made by Sister Winifred May Bullock's children in Southwest London, and in North London Sister Alice Willmott and her workers were helping the children make costumes for the Primary Queen's party. Everyone was busy.

Stories of the lives of noble men and women were being taught

the children during the third week, and the last week of the month was devoted to music and play. Everywhere children were being taught how to pray, how to help mother in the home and how to grow to become men and women of character. A little verse that all Primary children learn is representative :

Tell me, dear Lord, in thine own way, I pray,
 What thou wouldst have me say and do today.
 Teach me to know and love Thy will, Oh Lord ;
 Anoint my eyes to understand Thy word.

Altogether there are more than 1,500 children in Britain receiving the joys and instruction of the Primary. There are more than fifty Primaries and 13 of the 14 districts in the Mission have organized Primaries, 12 of them having a local district Primary supervisor.

There were many interesting little experiences that came up throughout the Mission, demonstrating how the Primary is touching the lives of the little ones; how it is helping them to grasp the message of the Gospel, and how their parents, too, are being introduced to the Message through this organization.

WHILE I was in Hyde branch of Manchester district there occurred an incident that made a lasting impression. The day after district conference Sister Sarah Allsop, branch Primary president, introduced me to the mother of a little nine-year-old girl who was a regular attender at the Primary classes. She was not a member of the Church. The woman told us the saddening news that Shirley (her daughter) was in the infirmary, hopelessly sick with fever. During the conversation it was arranged for the elders to call at the hospital the next day to see Shirley and administer to her with prayer and consecrated oil.

Leaving Hyde, I heard nothing more of Shirley until a letter came from Sister Allsop. She explained that the elders had not been admitted to her room. She was too ill. A day or two later Shirley died. It was heart-breaking news for her Primary playmates, for Shirley was a favourite. A birthday party for Shirley had been planned. Her mother requested that the party be held at the weekly Primary meeting just as though Shirley were there. During the social the children sang Shirley's favourite song, *Jesus Wants Me For A Sunbeam*, and all were assured by their teacher that Shirley's little body only slept, that she had gone onto another sphere and that the time would come when she, as would every mortal who ever lived upon the earth, would be resurrected.

In Plymouth, where Sister Maggie Mavin's Primary class has grown since its inception last August to fifty in number, there was another touching story. Tony, one of Zion's Boys, was ill. Tony, whose parents had never been acquainted with Mormonism until he joined the Primary, had been taught in his class what it meant to have faith and to pray. His parents called in the travelling elders of the Church, and united with them in prayer in Tony's behalf. The elders administered to him. Tony was healed. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." (Mark 16 : 17-18.)

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1936

EDITORIAL

"THE KING IS DEAD, LONG LIVE THE KING!"

THE brief radio message of the B.B.C. sent out at 9: 30 p.m. Monday, January 20, that "The King's life is moving peacefully towards its close," produced a profound sensation throughout Great Britain and the world. This deeply saddening radio announcement was repeated every 15 minutes until after midnight when it was replaced by the expected but distressing news that the King had died, the end coming at 11: 55 p.m.

The world was shocked, for the King was not thought to be so dangerously ill. Then every press was stopped, type removed and hasty writings inserted, loaded with information about the King and his passing. The fullness of this information in Tuesday morning papers is eloquent proof of the swiftness of modern journalism. Readers of the *Millennial Star* will also appreciate its service in printing last week and this the pictures of the old and the new King.

As per custom, the death of one king means the immediate accession of another, as was evidenced by the Privy Council on Tuesday, the 21st, proclaiming the Prince of Wales as King Edward VIII. The Proclamation was read on the 22nd with gorgeous pageantry in four historic places in London and broadcast to the Empire for the first time in history. These places were St. James's Palace, Trafalgar Square, Temple Bar and the Royal Exchange.

The body of the dead king was brought on Thursday from Sandringham to London, where it lay in state in Westminster Hall during four days—Friday to Monday—and was then taken on Tuesday, January 28, by train to Windsor where funeral services were held in St. George's Chapel. These were broadcast to the world through world-wide radio hook-ups. This event was unique, being the first in history of a world-wide funeral service.

George V. was a popular king, beloved by his people throughout the Empire and highly respected by all the world. Premier Stanley Baldwin said of him:

"King George inherited his position on the Throne, but he won his way to the hearts of his people. . . . The doing of his duty to the utmost of his ability was the guiding principle of his life. . . . He brought the dispositions that are lovely in private life into the service and the conduct of the commonwealth, and not only in virtue of his office but in virtue of his person was he the first gentleman in the land."

President Roosevelt cabled:

"I had the privilege of knowing his Majesty during the war days and his passing brings to me personally a special sorrow. . . . I send my profound sympathy and that of the people of the United States in whose respect and affection he occupied a high and unique place."

Former President Doumerque of France wrote:

"We admired and respected in King George V. that which all Englishmen admired and loved—his wisdom, his loyalty, his goodness and the

high conscience with which he accomplished all his duties. England is in mourning; France also."

A Student of Affairs in three Reigns wrote:

"King George V. strove with heart and brain to fulfil his high calling, regardless of any reward; but from end to end of a quarter of century of rule his reward was found in the sure knowledge that he had throughout enjoyed the utter confidence and the genuine love of his subjects." Two more tributes must suffice. At a special meeting in historic Guildhall of the Court of Common Council of the City of London the Chief Commoner said of the dead King: "His great influence for good was felt in every sphere of life, whether among the high or the lowly, the rich or the poor. It was contagious and uplifting, prompting all men to seek higher ideals. He dedicated his life to his subjects and to the interests of the Empire."

Bernard Shaw remarked that "King George has left the Monarchy in England at a higher standard of respectability and popularity than it had ever attained before."

Relative to the new King, it appears that no more popular prince has ever come to the British Throne. His own words are significant. In the Declaration on his accession he said: "When my Father stood here 26 years ago he declared that one of the objects of his life would be to uphold constitutional government. In this I am determined to follow in my Father's footsteps and to work as He did throughout his life for the happiness and welfare of all classes of my subjects."

Representative of the feelings of all the people toward Edward VIII. we quote this statement:

"The National Council of Labour, appreciating to the full your Majesty's deep interest in all matters affecting the well-being of the people, assure your Majesty of their loyalty, and express their earnest hope that the ideals and example of your late father will ever inspire and sustain your Majesty through a long reign of peace and prosperity."

The press of Great Britain and the world teemed with heartfelt expressions of sympathy and sorrow on the passing of King George and of goodwill and best wishes for King Edward VIII. There is one on whom deepest sympathy is especially centered—Queen Mary. It develops that she and the late King were particularly devoted to each other. She will keenly miss him. May the Lord give her comfort and strength according to her needs!

The Empire has lost a great and wise King. It is fortunate indeed that, according to popular belief and the confidence of all those who know him best, the new King will fully measure up to the high standards of his departed father. May this confidence always be justified!

The public has come to know that the position of Great Britain's king is no sinecure. It carries with it great and heavy responsibilities. And these will not lessen, but the perplexities of the times may add to them. Britain must continue in its leadership of the concert of nations in the efforts to bring peace to the peoples of earth. No other nation is qualified to take her place in leadership. But her task is extremely difficult. She needs a wise, safe and able king—the symbol that unites the Empire and holds it together as a strong family of nations.

May the Lord bless this nation and her new King and give them wisdom and courage according to their needs and guide them safely in their efforts to banish war from this troubled world.—
JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

THE GOOD KING

*By Doru Bargh**

WHEN I was born the body of King Edward VII. was lying in state. I was a child in the early tremendous years of George V.'s reign, the war years. A few days ago it was my sad

privilege to join the nation's vigil for its dying king. It is a tale that I may tell to my children's children, that I grew up in and lived through the reign of the best-beloved, one of the best, and one of the wisest of England's kings.

From a Georgian

ALL over the Empire people paused this week to pay lasting tribute to King George V., whose funeral services were held in Windsor Tuesday (see editorial pages). Here is an article which breathes the feeling of one who is truly a citizen of the George V. reign. Sister Bargh was born May 24, 1910—while King Edward VII. was still lying in state and the new King was taking over his duties—and has grown to womanhood in the influence of the Georgian era. Tracing ancestors' names for temple work is Sister Bargh's hobby. She is Sheffield district genealogical supervisor.

It is interesting to note that President Joseph F. Smith visited Britain shortly after the accession of King George V. He spoke in London August 14, 1910. The next visit of a member of the First Presidency was that of President J. Reuben Clark Jr. shortly before the death of the King. He spoke in London January 5, 1936.

As to why he was so loved the great journalists of the world have been concerned in telling us. The main reason given is his "Englishness." That is a good reason, and it is true. It was a great thing to have for king a man whose character and behaviour more nearly approached the English ideal than that of any other public man of his day, who was what, in his heart, every Englishman in every walk of life would like to be. Simple, unpretending, yet not losing a particle of the dignity which was essential to his position; both kindly and kingly, yet with the true British abhorrence of "fuss"; hard-working, doing his job well; maintaining the great traditions of his house, observing faithfully the exacting ritual of his calling; happy in his family life.

Yet he was not merely a good Englishman; he was a good man. That is something greater. I think it is the root of the nation's affection.

Queen Victoria related in her old age how she was taken as a small girl to see an enormously fat and rather frightening old man, her uncle, George IV. In his day he was the target of the London mob, and on account of his disreputable private life many gentlemen ceased to come to Court. It is incredible that he was living a little over a hundred years ago; in-

credible that the diarist Greville wrote barely a hundred years ago, that, if the "little girl" (Victoria) died, it would be an end of the monarchy, because the nation was tired of bad kings.

*Sheffield branch.

She did not die, but with her husband Albert lived to build another dynasty. It may be that her mind went back to that childhood visit to the unhappy king, as, an incredibly small, incredibly dignified old lady, she drove through the echoing streets of London on the occasions of her triumphant Jubilees. She could not have foreseen, nor could anyone have foreseen, that those spectacles of the nation's devotion to its ruler would ever be equalled, much less surpassed.

The little old lady was held in veneration amounting to awe. There was a different quality in the joyous Silver Jubilee of George V. 34 years after her death. The crowds which surged around Buckingham Palace singing (for, "he won't come out unless we sing") were not revering; there was almost an affectionate note in their cheering.

The King, our friend! The masses have perhaps never had that feeling before in all our history. The King who, sitting on a gorgeous throne, had not much liking for the tinsel, but cared more for the simple things which the humblest man may have. Above all, a man with a kind heart, which is more than a coronet, who wrought golden deeds, which are more than a king's crown.

His Jubilee was the triumph of a man's simple virtue. "Albert the Good" came from Coburg to build a new throne. His grandson by goodness has made it perhaps the safest political institution in the world. Let it be hoped that the generation who lived under his rule, who cheered and loved him as he loved them, will emulate the life of "George the Good."

IN RETURN FOR THESE GIFTS AND BLESSINGS

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Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

If we only understood how near we are to the Judgment Day there are men and women in the various communities of this world who would now be on their knees in sack-cloth and ashes; but they think that time is so far off that they procrastinate the day of repentance.

Not only did the Lord reveal His will to ancient Israel but He has spoken to latter-day Israel and warned us against the sins and bad habits of the world. Read prayerfully Section 89, Doctrine and Covenants. It is called the Word of Wisdom.

There is need for the men and women of this Church to gather their loved ones around their family shrines and say to our Heavenly Father, "If you will forgive us for our past foolishness we will be better in the future." We need to do that and until many homes are set in order the blessings of our Heavenly Father cannot be there. He will not be mocked. He has told us so and He has given to us what He has given to no other people. All that the people of the world have that is really precious we also have, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ in addition.

God gave to us a wonderful blessing when He gave to us the

Gospel of Jesus Christ. He gave to you and me a marvellous privilege in that we can associate with good men and women who are desirous of keeping the commandments. But in return for that gift and that blessing He holds us responsible not only to say that we believe, but to live that we may be blameless before Him, when we stand there at the last day.

Now let us observe the commandments of God that we may obtain His blessings, and let us demonstrate day by day by loving kindness and charity, and consideration to one another in these trying times, that we do know that God lives.

Let your light so shine that men and women everywhere observing your good works may be constrained to glorify our Father which is in heaven.

This is our Father's work. We are His children, heirs to all blessings. All that any man or woman ever enjoyed in all the wide world will be ours if we keep the commandments, and we will obtain it in no other way.—(Adapted from a sermon delivered at the 106th semi-annual conference of the Church in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.)

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Death called Sister Julina Lambson Smith, 86, widow of the late President Joseph F. Smith and mother of Elder Joseph Fielding Smith of the Council of Twelve Apostles and Bishop David A. Smith of the Presiding Bishopric, January 10. The mother of 11 children, she was a member of the general board of the Relief Society (1889-1919), and served as counsellor to President Emeline B. Wells. She was born in Salt Lake City June 18, 1849.

A Red Indian, Grouse Creek Jack, 104-year-old resident of Fort Hall, Idaho, was the subject of a recent Associated Press article. Of the Shoshone tribe, he has long been a devoted member of the Latter-day Saint Church, attributing his longevity to observance of the Word of Wisdom—abstaining from the use of tea, coffee, tobacco and alcohol. He was a youth when President Brigham Young led the Mormon Pioneers into Salt Lake City, and he attended meetings in the old "bowery" on Temple Square. He laboured on the Logan temple, and he and his wife were baptized into the Church when it was completed (May 17, 1884). He still chops his own firewood, rides horses and enjoys hunting.

Member of the general board of

the Sunday School since 1906, Elder Henry H. Rolapp, 75, passed away at his Los Angeles, California home January 8. Converted to the Church while a student at University of Copenhagen, he served at British mission headquarters in Liverpool (1878-80), and as Eastern States mission president (1927-29). He was prominent in the inter-mountain west as a jurist and a business man. He was born in Flensburg, Scheswig, Denmark March 22, 1860.

Appointed by a meeting of authorities on international affairs, presided over by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, Elder Elbert D. Thomas of Salt Lake City, senator in United States Congress, has been named on the committee mobilizing peace organizations and other forces for peace in the United States. Dr. Butler is president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The committee is headed by Newton D. Baker, former United States Secretary of War. Among Elder Thomas' other distinguished fellow committee men are Senator James P. Pope of Idaho; Henry L. Stimson, former United States Secretary of State, and James R. Sheffield, former United States ambassador to Mexico.

PROGRESS IN THE PRIMARY

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An example of how leadership is taught the children was demonstrated in Great Yarmouth of Norwich district, where Brother Albert A. Cole supervises the Primary. There I found a boy of about 10 years of age conducting the meeting, announcing the songs and introducing the speakers and topics. I was told that the children take turns conducting the meetings, electing their leaders periodically.

Distance does not thwart the Primary work. In Preston, Lancashire, where the first Latter-day Saint meeting in Britain was held 99 years ago, the place of Primary gathering was recently transferred from one side of the city to the other. But the children followed Sister Rosa Webster and her officers. The attendance remained the same and the children retained the same enthusiasm, even though it perhaps meant a bus ride or an extra long walk.

Up in Mansfield, a little coal-mining town in Sherwood Forest of Robin Hood lore, I found Sister Dorothy Blythe gathering as many as sixty children together for Primary lessons in her new home. She has one of the best Trailbuilder classes in the Mission.

In Leicester branch of Nottingham district and St. Albans branch of London district Sunday School officers reported that their enrolment had been increased materially through Primary children, one class in the latter reporting 12 new members, all from the Primary, during the past few weeks.

Arriving at the Mission office, I found that several packages were leaving the book shop for Sister Marion Barrett's Primary in Hull. The boys and girls there must be working hard for honour badges.

A survey of the Mission's Primary groups revealed growth almost everywhere in this auxiliary organization which was introduced into the Mission on an organized scale only about five years ago. With its well balanced programme, it is appealing to children of all creeds. Approximately 90 per cent of the Primary membership in Britain are children of non-members. Special talents of the child have an outlet through the activity provided, and parties and rambles are planned for educating the children to play with the world and be happy.

The creed of the Primary teacher is expressed in the words of Dorothy Littlewort:

Father, between Thy strong hands Thou hast bent
The clay but roughly into shape, and lent
To me the task of smoothing where I may
And fashioning to a gentler form Thy clay—
To see some hidden beauty Thou hast planned,
Slowly revealed beneath my labouring hand ;
Sometime to help a twisted thing to grow
More straight ; this is full recompense, and so
I give Thee but the praise that Thou wouldst ask—
Firm hand and high heart for the further task.

With this prayer Primary leaders go forward humbly in their work, and because of their sincerity and faith in the living God the Primary Association is growing in membership and influence in these verdant isles of Britain.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Monarchs—King Edward VIII. is the sixtieth person to reign over England, the sixteenth to occupy the throne of Britain. Egbert (Anglo-Saxon form is Egberht) was England's first ruler since the fall of the Roman Empire. He reigned from 827 to 839. James I. (VI. of Scotland) was the first British sovereign, ruling 1603-1625. He suc-

ceeded Queen Elizabeth and was the first of the Stuarts. The longest reign was that of Queen Victoria—63 years (1837-1901). King Edward VIII. is the first of 19 Princes of Wales to be invested in Wales itself. The investiture took place at Carnarvon Castle July 13, 1911. King George V., accompanied by Queen Mary, presented him to the people.

Pictures of King George V., Queen Mary and King Edward VIII. appearing in this issue were furnished the Millennium Star by Vandyk of Buckingham Palace road, London, photographers for the Royal Family by appointment of Their Majesties. Those of King George and Queen Mary were the official Silver Jubilee portraits. The picture of the new King on the cover, showing him in the full-dress uniform of the Welsh Guards (of which he is colonel), was approved by his Royal Highness for publication the night he became the new sovereign.

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Discovery—Rear Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd, who during the past year has conducted his second expedition to the uncharted regions of the Antarctic, spoke in the Salt Lake Tabernacle January 10. According to Admiral Byrd, temperature in that unexplored sector drops as low as 84 degrees below zero. He reports that there is enough coal in the Antarctic to supply the world, and that it is impossible to catch cold there, for it is too cold

for cold germs to subsist. Fish are abundant in Antarctic waters, but penguins are the only animals which can endure the severe winters. Two other intrepid explorers of the Antarctic are another American, Lincoln Ellsworth, and his London-born airplane pilot, Hollick Kenyon. After being lost for more than a month in the frozen south they were rescued by a British whaling ship, *Discovery II*, January 16.

Repeal—Ramifications of drinking evils growing out of America's repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution (prohibition of sale and use of intoxicating liquors) are shown in a pamphlet published in London by Mr. Guy Hayler, honorary president of the World Prohibition Federation. Excerpts: "It is also noteworthy that under Prohibition in the United States there was a remarkable increase in the number of licensed motorcars in the United States: 1913 (Wet) 1,010,488; 1923 (Dry) 11,371,181; 1930 (Dry) 26,657,072; 1934 (Wet) 24,933,403. With 1,723,669 fewer motor vehicles in 1934, there were 7,712 more persons killed on the roads, and of the 37,759 persons killed, no less than 23 per cent is stated to have been due to drunken drivers. . . . The school attendance figures under the Wet and Dry regimes show that the children had better chance of going to school when the liquor shop was closed than when it was open. According to the National School Survey, 72.2 per cent of the children attended Public Elementary School in 1910 (Wet), but in 1930 (Dry), this had risen to 90 per cent. At the same time the enrolment of University and College students was more than doubled. . . . Church membership had been decreasing in the United States up to the adoption of Prohibition when it took an upward turn. In 1919, the last full Wet year prior to National Prohibition, church membership figures stood at 42,044,374. In 1932, the last full Dry year, this had gone up to 60,885,445, a total increase under Prohibition of no less than 18,842,071."

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Doings in the Districts: London—More than half of the persons attending Portsmouth branch conference in Heidelberg Road Cooperative hall Sunday, January 19, were non-members. Sister Bertha Carter conducted the afternoon meeting, comprised of numbers from Sunday School pupils, and in the evening meeting, conducted by Elder Frank E. Ellis, District President Andre K. Anastasiou and Supervising Elder Richard G. Harston spoke on the theme, "The Test of a True Religion."

Letchworth branch members and friends enjoyed an M. I. A. concert and social Monday evening, January 13, in Vasanta hall. Three plays by M. I. A. members and musical numbers composed the programme, which was interspersed by games under the supervision of Brother F. Armstrong. Brother H. G. Pateman was master of ceremonies.

M. I. A. of Luton branch held its New Year social in the branch hall, Saturday, January 18. Saints and friends enjoyed an evening of

concert, community singing and prize games. Refreshments were served by Y. W. M. I. A. officers. The hall was gaily decorated with fairy lights and balloons.

Meeting in Wales

BRAVING a snowstorm which temporarily paralysed traffic, including bus service, four hundred persons gathered in Pontypool's *New Royal* cinema Sunday, January 21, to hear President Joseph F. Merrill from London speak on "What Can Man Believe."

President Merrill answered questions that had been submitted by a local investigator. Replying to the first question: "Why do Mormons come to an already Christian land to preach?" he pointed out that missionaries were here to declare the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, principles and ordinances of which had been restored after they had been lost when men added their own rites and interpretations to the primitive Church. He showed that the Book of Mormon supplements, not supplants the Bible.

Supervising Elder Joshua Ralison conducted the services and North Gwent Male Voice Choir, directed by Mr. William Tanner and accompanied by Miss Kay Collard, L.L.C.M., provided special music.

Publishing salutary articles on the meeting, Pontypool *Free Press* said of President Merrill: "He occupies the position of apostle in this organization (the Church). During the past year, Dr. Merrill received a high honour of membership in the Philosophical Society of Great Britain, or Victoria Institute, with headquarters in London."

Liverpool

Liverpool district held an M. I. A. convention in Burnley hall Saturday and Sunday, January 18-19. A masquerade ball, with 130 guests present, was held Saturday evening. Miss Hilda Buckley of Burnley School of Dancing adjudging costume winners and crowning Sister Marion Cooke queen. "Build Zion Today" was the theme of Sunday's services, under the direction of Brother Horace Heyes, district Y. M. M. I. A. supervisor. Morning speakers were Elders Dale L. Barton, Ellis Craig, E. Clark King, John Kimball and David Y. Rogers. In the afternoon Sister Gertrude Corless and Brother C. Hartley gave short stories and a play,

Where Love Is God Is, was presented by Brothers Horace E. Heyes, James Morris, Thomas Nurdin and Arthur Moore and Sisters

Elsie Rickard and Madeline Ellison. President Fred Bradbury, Supervising Elder Spencer J. Klomp and Elder M Neff Smart, Mission Y. M. M. I. A. executive secretary, spoke in the evening, and Sister M Marion Cooke recited a poem. Music at the services was provided by the Mission M Men quartette, Sisters Mary Tinsley and Laura Winn and Brother Arthur Holgate.

Manchester—Under the direction of Sister Margaret Wiles the Manchester branch Christmas party was held in the branch hall Saturday, December 21. Brother Lawrence Gregson was responsible for a movie shown to the children in the afternoon and adults in the evening. Games were played and all children were presented with gifts.

Norwich—Norwich branch hall

was gaily decorated when saints and friends participated in an "Old Year's" party December 31. Y. M. M. I. A. President Wilfred Burrell was in charge.

Thirty-six Sunday School and Primary children were entertained at the annual Norwich branch holiday party in the branch hall Saturday, January 4. After "tea" in a room adorned with bright streamers and a beautifully lighted Christmas tree, all children were given prizes. Pupils awarded prizes for 100 per cent attendance at Sunday School during the year were Betty Simpson, Pauline Payne, Elsie Steward and William Rayner. Pauline Payne and Margaret Simpson won scholarship prizes and the latter won an additional prize for bringing friends to Sunday School. Adults joined in the grand social in the evening.

TO THE KINGS

BELOVED KING, now severed from our side,
He was our friend, our counsellor and guide
Who from the path of duty never swerved;
He did not only rule; he also served.

And you whom we have loved as Prince of Wales—
Trust you, whose love and wisdom never fails.
For this will be your subjects one desire:
To serve you as we served your noble sire.

The love we gave to him will always be
Entwined within the love we give to thee.

While in our hearts there echoes this refrain:

"King George is dead; long may King Edward reign!"

Southwest London branch,

DOROTHY SPOONER

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